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*Hubble Vision* Carlton Press Corporation

These "excursions" into astronomical optics discuss innovative, often radical, suggestions for the design of optical instruments. Providing a storehouse of ideas and approaches not available elsewhere, Mertz suggests opportunities for further exploration and development rather than proven solutions. Covering a wide array of topics, from x-ray telescopes to gravitational lenses and from microscope objectives to Fourier transform spectroscopy, the excursions share a common thread of optical science related to astronomy. The book should thus interest researchers and graduate students in astronomy, optics, and optical engineering. Appendices provide Fortran code for some of the design techniques discussed in the book and for Monte Carlo image synthesis

**On Growth and Form** Courier Corporation

Written by a recognized expert in the field, this clearly presented, well-illustrated book provides both advanced level students and professionals with an authoritative, thorough presentation of the characteristics, including advantages and limitations, of telescopes and spectrographic instruments used by astronomers of today. Written by a recognized expert in the field Provides both advanced level students and professionals with an authoritative, thorough presentation of the characteristics, including advantages and limitations, of telescopes and spectrographic instruments used by astronomers of today

**Modern Technologies in Space- and Ground-based**

**Telescopes and Instrumentation II** SPIE-International Society for Optical Engineering

Proceedings of SPIE present the original research papers presented at SPIE conferences and other high-quality conferences in the broad-ranging fields of optics and photonics. These books provide prompt access to the latest innovations in research and technology in their respective fields. Proceedings of SPIE are among the most cited references in patent literature.

*Excursions in Astronomical Optics* SPIE-International Society for Optical Engineering

Classic of modern biology sets forth seminal "theory of transformation" ? that evolution takes place in large-scale transformations of body as a whole. Over 500 photographs and drawings.

**Large Optics II** Springer

"...since the author believes hands-on work is crucial to truly understand the nature of the optical mirror, he devotes considerable space to explaining to the talented amateur how to produce a high quality mirror for home use...work will merit careful reading by all professional and student astronomers." *Space Telescopes and Instrumentation 2010: Optical, Infrared, and Millimeter Wave* SPIE-International Society for Optical

Engineering

This book by one of the leaders in adaptive optics covers the fundamental theory and then describes in detail how this technology can be applied to large ground-based telescopes to compensate for the effects of atmospheric turbulence. It includes information on basic adaptive optics components and technology, and has chapters devoted to atmospheric turbulence, optical image structure, laser beacons, and overall system design. The chapter on system design is particularly detailed and includes performance estimation and optimization. Combining a clear discussion of physical principles with numerous real-world examples, this book will be a valuable resource for all graduate students and researchers in astronomy and optics.

*Hubble Space Telescope* Springer Science & Business Media Includes Proceedings Vol. 7821

**Adaptive Optics for Astronomical Telescopes** Nova Publishers

This text was written to provide students of astronomy and engineers an understanding of optical science - the study of the generation, propagation, control, and measurement of optical radiation - as it applies to telescopes and instruments for astronomical research in the areas of astrophysics, astrometry, exoplanet characterization, and planetary science. The book provides an overview of the elements of optical design and physical optics within the framework of the needs of the astronomical community.

*Survey Telescope Optics* National Academies Press

Duffner has compiled the history of the most revolutionary breakthrough in astronomy since Galileo pointed his telescope skyward--the technology that will greatly expand our understanding of the universe.

*Optics* Elsevier

"This book presents astronomical optical systems in the simplest form, with an emphasis on clear explanations of the ideas that underpin various systems. At the same time, it explains the deep connection between classical and contemporary telescopes, as well as the continuity of ideas for telescope construction. A number of new designs are described, including those recently proposed and those already operational, that provide a previously unattainable field of view"--

**Space Telescopes and Instruments V** Turtleback Books

The findings of the Hubble Space Telescope Optical Systems Board of Investigation are reported. The Board was formed to determine the cause of the flaw in the telescope, how it occurred, and why it was not detected before launch. The Board conducted its investigation to include interviews with personnel involved in the fabrication and test of the telescope, review of documentation, and analysis and test of the equipment used in the fabrication of the telescope's mirrors. The investigation proved that the primary mirror was made in the wrong shape (a 0.4-wave rms wavefront error at 632.8 nm). The primary mirror was manufactured by the Perkin-Elmer Corporation (Hughes

Danbury Optical Systems, Inc.). The critical optics used as a template in shaping the mirror, the reflective null corrector (RNC), consisted of two small mirrors and a lens. This unit had been preserved by the manufacturer exactly as it was during the manufacture of the mirror. When the Board measured the RNC, the lens was incorrectly spaced from the mirrors. Calculations of the effect of such displacement on the primary mirror show that the measured amount, 1.3 mm, accounts in detail for the amount and character of the observed image blurring. No verification of the reflective null corrector's dimensions was carried out by Perkin-Elmer after the original assembly. There were, however, clear indications of the problem from auxiliary optical tests made at the time. A special optical unit called an inverse null corrector, designed to mimic the reflection from a perfect primary mirror, was built and used to align the apparatus; when so used, it clearly showed the error in the reflective null corrector. A second null corrector was used to measure the vertex radius of the finished primary mirror. It, too, clearly showed the error in the primary mirror. Both indicators of error were discounted at the time as being themselves flawed. The Perkin-Elmer plan for fabricating the primary mirror placed complete relia...

#### **Adaptive Optics** CUP Archive

The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) has operated continuously since 1990. During that time, four space shuttle-based service missions were launched, three of which added major observational capabilities. A fifth "SM-4" was intended to replace key telescope systems and install two new instruments. The loss of the space shuttle Columbia, however, resulted in a decision by NASA not to pursue the SM-4 mission leading to a likely end of Hubble's useful life in 2007-2008. This situation resulted in an unprecedented outcry from scientists and the public. As a result, NASA began to explore and develop a robotic servicing mission; and Congress directed NASA to request a study from the National Research Council (NRC) of the robotic and shuttle servicing options for extending the life of Hubble. This report presents an assessment of those two options. It provides an examination of the contributions made by Hubble and those likely as the result of a servicing mission, and a comparative analysis of the potential risk of the two options for servicing Hubble. The study concludes that the Shuttle option would be the most effective one for prolonging Hubble's productive life.

#### Hubble Space Telescope Oxford Optical and Imaging Sci

An exploration of space telescopes and instruments. It is divided into two parts. The first contains plenary papers, and discussion

of next-generation space telescopes and the Hubble Space telescope. The second part looks at optics.

#### *Adaptive Optics*

Adaptive optics is a field which is coming into its own with new discoveries occurring almost daily both in astronomy and in applications of AO in applied fields. In an adaptive optics system, the output from a wavefront sensor is used to calculate corrections that actively remove distortions from an image. The applications of adaptive optics in vision science have received considerable impetus from the knowledge developed by astronomers about how to correct images using AO technology. It is expected that developments in adaptive optics will radically change the face of astronomy in the 21st century. These systems will largely overcome the main limitation of ground-based telescopes, namely the severe reduction in image quality caused by turbulence in the Earth's atmosphere. Intended for use at near infrared wavelengths, adaptive optics allow imaging and spectroscopy at the limit of resolution imposed by optical diffraction an advance in astronomer's ability to view the heavens unparalleled since the invention of the telescope. AO is now also entering clinical medicine in the field of ophthalmology and other related fields. This new book presents several hundred current abstracts in the field, each fully indexed, for ease of access and contains a CD ROM for further research.

#### *UV - Optical - IR Space Telescopes*

Includes Proceedings Vol. 7821

#### *The Hubble Space Telescope Optical Systems Failure Report*

Here is Hubble's great visual legacy to humanity in stunning images that are benchmarks of astronomy and photography. Of the more than 100 classic Hubble images that were selected by NASA's experts, the 20 most significant are accompanied by commentaries by notable scientists.

#### Hubble

Discusses how the findings from the Hubble Space Telescope have affected the way scientists study the universe; includes photographs that were taken by the Hubble Telescope of the planets, distant galaxies, black holes, and the Shoemaker-Levy comet.

#### Space Telescopes and Instrumentation 2010

Photographs of emerging stars, nebulae, and other astronomical marvels highlight an exploration of the impact that the Hubble Space Telescope has had on scientific study and general appreciation of the wonders of the skies.

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**

#### **Advanced Technology Optical Telescopes III**